Expansion of CNG Facilities

†657. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of places in the country where CNG facility has been provided in vehicles so far;

(b) whether Government are going to provide CNG facility in the whole of the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) 5 cities namely

—Delhi
—Mumbai
—Vadodara
—Surat
—Ankleshwar

(b) to (d) No, Madam. Due to logistic, operational and supply constraints, it is not feasible to make CNG available throughout the country.

Allotment of Petrol Pumps to Kargil Martyrs in Darjeeling

658. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new gas agency or petrol pump has been allotted to Kargil martyr family from West Bengal;

(b) whether new gas agency or petrol pump will be allocated to families of Kargil martyrs from Darjeeling; and

(c) if so, the time frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Allotments of two retail outlet dealerships and three LPG distributorships to widows/next of kin of Defence personnel killed in action in 'OP Vijay' (Kargil) who belong to West Bengal, have been approved by Government so far. Out of these, two retail outlet dealerships and two LPG distributorships have been approved for allotment to the widows/next of kin belonging to Darjeeling district.

Observation of CAG on overpayment made to Oil Companies

659. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the C.A.G. Report it has been observed that Ministry and OCC allowed overpayment/undue benefits of Rs. 6,321 crore to oil companies;

(b) whether the report had indicated that OCC gave undue benefit to the oil companies by allowing them to retain LPG cylinder deposit;

(c) whether the above observations were taken into account while projecting the oil pool deficit;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any relief will be given to the consumers in view of the observations; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) in its Report No. 2 of 2000 (Civil) has observed that during the period 1993—98, oil companies were allowed certain unintended benefit including retention of LPG Cylinder Deposit by oil companies.

(c) Compensation payable to the oil companies have been determined as per the Government decisions applicable to administered pricing mechanism from time to time. The observations of C&AG have been examined by the Government and replies thereto have been referred to C&AG for their vetting.